

date, these cultural items were donated to the Laboratory of Anthropology by the R.S. Peabody Museum. Although these cultural items were removed from individual burials, the human remains with which they were originally associated cannot be located, and may not have been removed during the excavations.

Excavation and museum records clearly indicate these cultural items were removed from specific burials of Native American individuals. Based on the archeological material from this site, Spanish Colonial documents, U.S. Government records, and oral history presented by the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, the Comanche Tribe, the Hopi Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, the Kiowa Tribe, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Cochiti, the Pueblo of Jemez, the Pueblo of Zuni, and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, this site dates from the Pueblo III period (ca. 1100 A.D.) to its abandonment in 1846. Although this site shares cultural affiliation with all the above listed tribes, based on oral history presented by the tribes, archeological evidence, historic documents, and a 1936 Congressional Act, this site is most closely affiliated with the Pueblo of Jemez.

Officials of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2)(ii), these nine cultural items are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of an Native American individual. Officials of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these items and the Pueblo of Jemez.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, the Comanche Tribe, the Hopi Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, the Kiowa Tribe, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Cochiti, the Pueblo of Jemez, the Pueblo of Zuni, and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact Patricia House, Director, Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology, Museum of New Mexico, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe,

NM 87504-2087; telephone (505) 827-6344 before September 14, 1998. Repatriation of these objects to the Pueblo of Jemez may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Associated Funerary Objects in the Possession of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology, Museum of New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.9, of the completion of an inventory of associated funerary objects in the possession of Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology, Museum of New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM.

A detailed assessment of the associated funerary objects was made by Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, the Comanche Indian Tribe, the Hopi Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, the Kiowa Indian Tribe, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Cochiti, the Pueblo of Jemez, the Pueblo of Zuni, and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

Between 1915-1925, 35 cultural items including ceramic bowls and a bone tool were recovered with human remains from Pecos Pueblo (LA 625) during legally authorized excavations conducted by the R.S. Peabody Foundation for Archaeology, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA. These objects are the known corresponding associated funerary objects of 34 individuals currently in the possession of the Peabody Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Based on material culture; Spanish Colonial documents; United States Government records; and oral history presented by the Apache Tribe of

Oklahoma, the Comanche Indian Tribe, the Hopi Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, the Kiowa Indian Tribe, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Cochiti, the Pueblo of Jemez, the Pueblo of Zuni, and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes; Pecos Pueblo (LA 625) has been identified as a Puebloan occupation dating from the Pueblo III period (c. 1100 A.D.) to its abandonment in 1846. While this site has been determined to have shared cultural affiliation with the consulted tribes, the descendants and government of Peco Pueblo now reside at the Pueblo of Jemez.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2), the 35 objects listed above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these associated funerary objects and the Pueblo of Jemez.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, the Comanche Indian Tribe, the Hopi Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, the Kiowa Indian Tribe, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Cochiti, the Pueblo of Jemez, the Pueblo of Zuni, and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these associated funerary objects should contact Patricia House, Director, Museum of Indian Arts and Cultures/Laboratory of Anthropology, Museum of New Mexico, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2087; telephone: (505) 827-6344 before September 14, 1998. Repatriation of the associated funerary objects to the Pueblo of Jemez may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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